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WA4VTX Repeaters 146.655/444.300 PL 131.8 Packet 145.710

Next TAARS Meeting

Our next TAARS meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 21, 2013, 7:30 PM at the COA Building "C" C109. Our dinner location is the Golden Coral at 6:00 PM.

Minutes

President David AJ4NV called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. The minutes of the previous meeting, as posted on the TAARS website, were approved. The Treasurer's report was given by Herman NO4Y and approved.

Old Business

- The Christmas party was discussed. The general consensus was that a good time was had by all. It was noted a larger space may be needed next year
- Hertford Repeater: up and running but link radio is not functioning and Columbia repeater cannot be contacted
- Randall Mercer passed away January 14, 2013. A motion was made for a \$25 donation to SPCA in Randall's name. Motion was passed, seconded, and carried

New Business

- Herman NO4Y suggested a Facebook Club Page. Motion was carried and Ron Thomas N4WYR will create and maintain page
- 2013 QSO party starts 8-10 AM on February 24, 2013. Herman NO4Y will forward that e-mail
- FrostFest [February 2] in Richmond, Virginia was discussed
- Herman NO4Y updated the club on Zeb's condition
- Community Emergency Response Team: Ron Thomas N4WYR was invited to speak

about a HAM's role in emergency situations. He forwarded his power point to Herman, who will load it in the club's website.

- David AJ4NV read Jim's e-mail concerning leaving his Skywarn position. He asked if anyone was interested in this position. If so, contact Herman, Jim, or himself. Basically, the position is that of a liaison between TAARS and Skywarn. Tom was nominated for the position and he accepted. Tom will contact Jim.
- David AJ4NV asked the group if the sound level could be lower while entering and exiting the building as it has been noted the noise is distracting to the students

Attendance

Albert Ryder, KI4BQI; David Sharber, AJ4NV; Champ Cox, K2IUN; Cynthia Cox, KG4SPH; Al Onley, K4VHV; Herman Cox, NO4Y; Tom Ponte, WB1CZF; Mike Cohoon, KB4TOH; Terry Simonds, WB4FXD; Ron Thomas, N4WYR; Dean Patsel, AK4TW; Ronnie Pippen, KD4VRI; Bill Chappell, KD4CAX; Greg Terranova, N4QLD; Mark Honeycutt, KK4MGB; and Steve Bontempo, KU4BY.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 8:25 PM.

On January 19th, TAARS held a radio licensing exam at the COA in Elizabeth City. The TAARS January testing session was a success. We had 4 candidates and all four received a technician license. The TAARS team consisted of Kerry KD4CEB, Tom WB1CZX, Steve KU4BY, Ron N4WYR, Dave AJ4NV and Herman NO4Y.

Our next testing session will be held April 20th 2013.